

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2017
8:00am

Present: Lowell Hagen, Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

Approval of agenda – Norm made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the August 9, 2017 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm had one correction regarding Territorial Road should be Townline Road. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes with this change, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Election Voting Equipment Agreement with Walworth County – The agreement basically says that the County will purchase our town's new election equipment with a few reasonable caveats. It's similar to the agreement from 16-17 years ago when the county purchased our current voting equipment. Norm made a motion to accept it as such, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

General Code proposal for codification services – Norm said some of our ordinances are in bad shape. Parking, for instance, where our ordinance says 15' clearance but it conflicts with the state statutes. Having all four wheels off the pavement is what people think, but the sheriff can't enforce that. We need to re-write our ordinance if that's what we want. The other ordinance that should be reviewed is for fire calls so that we have the obligation to pass on the charges to the property owners. Marcia from General Code called in to the meeting to answer questions. They build a code from the existing town ordinances. She said the \$7,434 recodification includes review of our code against state law to make sure we comply. They'll make the fee schedule changes. They have over 150 clients in the state and will recommend common thing that they have but we don't. They'll give us samples from other towns that they identify or that we identify as needing updating. When they do the review, they do it in a workbook format so they point out issues where we don't comply with state statute and give the town choices on how to proceed. When we change ordinances to bring them up to do, they provide a coded option ordinance with schedule A that lists all the changes made. Adopt that one ordinance that takes care of adopting anything new. We can split the fee over a 2 year timeframe, either 2017-2018 or 2018-2019. Norm said if there is an ordinance, then the sheriff can enforce it as long as it complies with the state. Norm suggested each town board member go through the existing ordinances and see what should be updated or changed. Bob made a motion to accept the general code recommended solution at \$7,434 dated 1/1/18, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn to Closed Session - Norm made a motion to move into closed session, seconded by Bob Strand. Motion passed unanimously.

Roadman job duties discussed.

Adjourn back to open session.

Other town business – Lowell said Carrie is filling out the current TRIP paperwork to get money for Island Road. There's a TRIP meeting coming up at the county and the board agreed we should apply for Townline west of 89 up to the top of the hill just past Wutke's property. Bob Harris said Walworth Avenue is getting bad from the bypass concrete to the county's section.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 9:04am, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer